

"SMILING AL" ORTH LOYAL TO WASHINGTON

Crack Twirler Denies He
Has Jumped.

HAS NOT SEEN JOHN M'GRAW

No Intention of Playing Other Than
With Senators—Legal Move
Against Deleahanty.

Albert Orth, without a doubt Washington's best crack twirler last year, and the one that made the most friends and proved the biggest drawing card, is out with a most emphatic denial of the rumor which has it that he has signed with John McGraw or anyone else other than Thomas Loftus. Orth went to his home in Lynchburg, Va., at the end of the ball season intending to remain there all winter.

The many rumors going around, however, brought him to town this morning. He went directly to the Cochran Hotel, where he met Eugene S. Cochran, proprietor, and one of the shareholders in the Washington team, also a personal friend of Orth. Al declared that the rumors, so far as he was concerned, were groundless, and not backed up by the truth. Mr. Cochran said he did not believe the rumors, and placed the utmost confidence in Orth's words.

Mr. Cochran, accompanied by Pitcher Orth, made the rounds of the newspaper offices this morning, and the big twirler denied that he had even been talked with the little manager of the New York team since the "good old summer time."

Denies All Rumors.

To a Times representative, Orth said: "The report that I have signed with McGraw is absolutely untrue and without foundation. I have not only not signed a contract with McGraw, but have not even been talked with him. The last time I saw him was during the summer, and not a word was then said about signing any contract to play with the Giants. I have not signed with McGraw, and I have no intention of signing with him or anybody else. My contract with Washington is the only one I have."

"If you have not signed with McGraw, how did the rumor get out?" he was asked.

"You can search me," he replied. "The first I heard of saw it was when I read it in the papers." Orth stated that he did not know anything about the other two players, but he did know he was going to play with the Washington baseball team next season. He came here to see his friends and to assure the managers that the reports were untrue.

Legal Action in Sight.

On the other hand, if "Capt. Ed." Deleahanty and "Jack" Townsend have decided upon their minds to "jump" and play with McGraw's Giants, they might as well secure the services of several practitioners to look out for their interests in the courts of this city.

These three men signed contracts last year to play two seasons with the Washington team. It is maintained they have each drawn advance money on their salaries for the coming season. The managers of the local club avow their intention of holding the men to their contracts and have placed the matter in the hands of Wilton J. Lambert, attorney for the team. Mr. Lambert said this morning:

"I have my instructions to resort to the courts to hold the players to their personal contracts on which they have received money payments. In case any of them refuses to give his services exclusively to Manager Loftus, of the Washington American League Baseball Company, and unless the court should rule that all personal contracts are worthless, these players will be absolutely bound to their written agreements with us."

Rumors May Be True.

Although the managers and shareholders of the team have not learned anything definite from the players in question, they are of the opinion that the rumors are not absolutely groundless, and after talking the matter over it was decided to take action similar to that by Col. John Rogers in Philadelphia.

Even in the face of what the managers are going to do the players might jump to New York and play there. They might be restrained from playing in Washington the same as they are now kept out of Philadelphia.

From New Orleans, where big Ed Deleahanty is keeping his eyes on the runners, comes the intelligence that Del does not deny he will sign a contract to play in some city other than Washington. He does not deny that he has as yet signed any contract with McGraw to play in Gotham. To use the big left fielder's words:

"Of course I may sign elsewhere than with Washington, but to date McGraw and I haven't come to any agreement. I refused \$5,000. McGraw said it was the limit. I named \$10,000 and 'Mazey' passed. No, there is nothing in the rumor that I have signed with New York."

Del May Desert.

He says he may sign with some team other than Washington. When the rumor was first circulated, Del said: "I signed a two-year contract with Washington and I have one year yet to play. I will live up to my obligations." His statement at New Orleans and this one indicate that "Del" does not know "where he is at," or is stretching the truth. So far as "Del" is concerned the local club managers are at sea.

The managers have not heard from Townsend, and it is doubtful if they care. There are a few men in baseball uniforms who can do better twirling than Townsend and do it for the same money. Contract jumping is welcomed in some cases, and it remains to be seen whether that holds good in "Jack's" case or not.

GAMES POSTPONED.

The set of games scheduled for last night for the Treasury and Census teams in the Departmental League series, was postponed until next Tuesday night, when they will be bowled on the Palace alley.

FAVORITES HAVE BAD DAY AT NEW ORLEANS

Peter Duryea Wins With
Odds at 30 to 1.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 4.—One could hardly look for good contests at the racetrack yesterday with three different grades of going. On the extreme outside of the track there was hard going, next to the inner rail it was deep and holding, while in the center it was lumpy and stiff.

But one favorite, Sweet Alice, won for the talent. By the victory of Peter Duryea, at 30 to 1, and the winning of Scorpion and Pierce J., at 12 to 1 and 10 to 1, respectively, the books got most of the public's money.

Today's Entries.

First race—Two-year-olds; five and a half furlongs. Shrine, Hedge, Puredale, 100; War Cry, 108; Shoo Fly, 102; Brookston, 115.
Second race—Selling; seven furlongs. Nannie J., Sarner, 101; Optimo, 103; Tom Kinsley, 105; Kiss Quick, Henry of Franstamar, Sue Johnson, 105; Scotch Maid, 108; Brandy Smash, 113.
Third race—Six furlongs. Chantrelle, 100; Boundless, 109; Mochina, Kabule, and Moroni, 101 each; Shut Up, Ben Frost, and John Potter, 103 each, and Russell, 105.
Fourth race—Handicap; six and a half furlongs. Dr. Schaff, 100; Travers, 104; Jack Leonard, 109; Death, 114, and The Lady, 119.
Fifth race—Selling; two-year-olds; five furlongs. Flora Levy and Vestia, 33 each; St. Vitus and Mathilde, 38 each; Anzeiger, Arvonius and Agnes Mack, 101 each, and Watkins Overton, 107.
Sixth race—Selling; mile and seventy yards. Leenja, 90; Mary Moore, Bean, and Joe Collins, 97 each; Ceylon, Saragamp, Right Bower, and Fleasur, 102 each; Swindson, 105; Flop and Prince Blazes, 107 each, and E. Come, 112.

CAPITAL BICYCLE CLUB

BEATS BANK CLERKS

The Capital Bicycle Club had as its guests last night a team of bowlers picked from the Bank Clerks' League for a set of tenpin games, and the home team handily won the full set. The Bankers lacked team work and their bowling was inconsistent and unsteady. The winners did not drop below the 800 mark, and several good individual totals were bowled.

Townsend with 183 average and his 206 was high game. Ricker was next with 182 average, and 201 next best single.

The scores:
Clerks. 1. 2. 3. Totals.
Walker..... 147 173 142 462
Barclay..... 167 181 127 475
Eckloff..... 139 142 146 427
Harrison..... 152 152 123 427
Cox..... 144 151 157 452
Totals..... 749 809 705 2,263

*Wirt bowled third game.

C. B. C. 1. 2. 3. Totals.
Tonner..... 169 174 205 548
McComb..... 178 151 124 453
Britton..... 198 196 105 499
R. Hills..... 176 149 155 480
Ricker..... 188 201 158 547
Totals..... 811 871 558 2,235

COLUMBIAS DEFEATED

THE CLIPPER ELEVEN

The Columbias defeated the Clippers yesterday by the score of 12 to 0. It was a hotly contested game, and neither side scored in the first half. In the second half the Columbias went at their rivals in earnest, and by a series of line smashes and end runs made two touchdowns, and goals.

The features of the game were the playing of the Columbias' backs and O'Neal's and J. Madigan's work for the Clippers.

The line-up:
Columbias. Position. Clippers.
J. Welsh..... R. E..... Martin
C. Kerby..... R. G..... Smith
J. Murphy..... C. R..... W. Madigan
J. Welsh..... L. G..... J. Hunt
F. Murphy..... L. T..... W. Burke
Williams..... L. E..... C. Madigan
Kerby..... L. H. B..... C. Madigan
J. Kerby..... F. B..... O'Neal
C. Murphy..... Q. B..... Pantsey
Referee—Mr. Harper, Timekeeper—Mr. Drew, Linesmen—Messrs. Drury and Jones.

GREENE'S GRAND TOTAL

FOR FIVE GAMES

Garrett A. Greene, the tenpin wizard, gave another exhibition of his wonderful bowling on the Palace alleys last night, and in five games rolled up a grand total of 1,131. His best single was 278, which is a new local figure.

The scores and strikes are:
Game. Pina. Strikes.
1st..... 208 7
2d..... 278 9
3d..... 216 8
4th..... 216 6
5th..... 219 6
Totals..... 1,131 36

PERSONNEL OF REVOLVER MATCH

TEAMS FOR COMING CONTEST

The teams of the Metropolitan Police and the District Revolver Association, which will engage in a revolver contest in the National Guard rifle gallery, over the Seventh Street wing of the Centre Market, Monday night next, for a trophy prize, will comprise:
Police—Privates J. C. Bunn, J. W. McCormack, J. T. Kennedy, J. T. Newkirk, D. E. Langley, W. H. Buckingham; alternates, Privates A. Mollen, C. R. Sampson, G. S. Catts, and Sergeant J. J. Murphy.
Revolver Association—Major James E. Bell, Major G. B. Young, Capt. Alexander Summers, Lieut. William M. Farrow, Lieut. F. E. Holt, Private G. E. Cooke, alternates, William Farrow, Jr., E. A. Byrnes, S. D. Rotamel, Fairfax Baird.

At the conclusion of this match, there will be an individual contest open to the members of the team, and the alternates. Four prizes will be offered.

CANE LANDS IN CUBA.

Secretary Shaw has transmitted to the house of Representatives a statement in response to an inquiry as to the purchase of land in Cuba showing that the number of acres of land on the island under cane cultivation owned by citizens of different countries is as follows: American, 31,649; British, 7,236; Spanish, 46,821; French, 800, and Chinese, 100.

CORCORAN CADETS WIN FROM ORDWAY RIFLES

Despite One-Sided Score the Game Was
Interesting.

The league basketball game played last night in the Guards' Armory in which the Ordway Rifles were defeated by the Corcoran Cadets by the score of 26 to 6, was interesting despite the one-sided score. The Ordways put up a good fight, and played a strong up hill game against their more seasoned rivals.

Before the game the league officials gave notice that unnecessary rough playing would not be tolerated, and as a result it was one of the cleanest of the league series, and proved enjoyable to a large crowd of spectators.

Handiboe was the "star" player of the evening, and his "forward" work was fast and clever, and in goaling he led all hands, tossing eight goals from field, several of them quite difficult. Nash and Chase each landed three baskets.

The line up:

Corcorans. Ordways.
Handiboe.....right field.....Barker
Nash.....left field.....McCormack
Boyle.....center.....Chase
Dowling.....left back.....Coffman
Lewis.....right back.....Lewis
Gould.....right field.....Nash
Boyle, 1, Dowling, 1, and Chase, 2, Referee, Mr. Yoder, umpire, Mr. Bruff; timers, Messrs. Edwards and O'Connell; scorer, Mr. Hazard.

METROPOLITANS WIN FROM MECHANICALS

Winning Team Bowled Itself Into Tie
for Second Place.

By winning three straight games last night from the "Mechanicals" the "Metropolitans" bowled themselves into a tie for second place in the Railway Relief Association League. Neither team bowled up to its standard, and the pin fall was light.

The best average was bowled by Clark, who had 162, and his 187 was high single. Bodson was next with 150 average. The scores:

Metropolitans. 1st. 2d. 3d. Totals.
Metson..... 127 155 128 410
Starke..... 140 115 109 364
Clark..... 171 127 187 485
Anderson..... 136 136 135 407
Crosby..... 120 152 137 409
Totals..... 694 686 726 2,116

Mechanicals. 1st. 2d. 3d. Totals.
Hornung..... 135 135 159 432
Phillips..... 139 123 125 387
Wenner..... 116 142 136 394
Wilson..... 120 144 134 398
Green..... 164 133 147 444
Totals..... 647 677 707 2,031

RUSSELL SAGE STEPS DOWN.

Noted Wall Street Magnate Forced to Quit Business.

New York Dispatch to Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.
Russell Sage has retired from business. This morning's news has not yet been promulgated in Wall Street, but it bears the mint mark of a member of the family, and this time the story is true. Rumor has often retired the aged financier, but Mr. Sage was always glad to appear and willingly deny the rumor.

Announcement is now made that Mr. Sage will appear at his office no oftener than once a month. It may be he will not come down town as often as that. His health will decide this question.

It is no secret among his more intimate friends—though none outside of his wife and physician know the exact facts—that he has not minded recently as he had hoped to do. His health is a source of great anxiety to Dr. Mann, his physician, and to Mrs. Sage, who watches over him with constancy and solicitude, and who now has assumed command over him in many ways.

He has struggled hard against the inevitable. No man living loved work better than the many-millioned octogenarian, who has always boasted that there was but one thing that could retire him from his job, and that was the approach of all death. He loved the nerve-racking battles of the street as an old soldier loves the din of musketry and cannonading. But disease has laid a heavy hand upon him, and he is forced to raise the white flag of surrender.

NATURAL LANGUAGE METHOD

Book for Words, Phonograph for Pronunciation.

Mrs. Malaprop does strange things to the English language, but no stranger than many of the things done to French, German, and Spanish by many who think themselves competent to speak these languages. No wonder French literature is so full of errors, and efforts of some English and American tourists who fondly believe they are speaking French. As a rule, it is difficult to acquire proficiency in this or any other language without living in the atmosphere of the language, or at least living in such association with it as to be familiar with the use of the application of the phonograph, in conjunction with the text-book—the text-book for the eye, and the phonograph for the ear. Jointly they produce a clear record on the brain and make easy the process of study.

Years are spent in the study of foreign languages, grammatical rules are committed to memory, and yet few college graduates are capable of carrying on five minutes' conversation in idiomatic French or German.

How, then, can foreign languages be mastered? Is there no method by which they can be taught practically? What is Nature's way? How does a foreigner learn English? By hearing it spoken and by speaking it himself.

This is exactly what Dr. Rosenthal's Language Phonograph does. It is a practical system of teaching, it is daily being demonstrated, free of charge, at 1212 P Street northwest. The application of the phonograph, in conjunction with the text-book—the text-book for the eye, and the phonograph for the ear. Jointly they produce a clear record on the brain and make easy the process of study.

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A DANIEL COME TO JUDGMENT.

The truth about those dressmaking disputes which form such a large volume of county court business has been discovered at last by the able judge of the city of London court. Judge Lumley Smith said recently that "he had long since come to the conclusion that with ordinary dresses any lady could wear a dress to make it look as if it did not fit." He was also "perfectly satisfied that any lady, no matter how much she pulled it about and made it fit when it did not do so. Therefore it was no use trying on dresses in his court." With regard to the question of fit the judge said he always drew a distinction between West End fit and others, because more money was paid in the West End, and the customer could have more time devoted to an elaborate fit.

LOCAL MENTION.

33 Trimmed Hats, \$1.43.

We are overstocked—offering great bargains in millinery. Fashion Co., 729 9th st. nw.

Money to loan at 4, 5 and 6 per cent on real estate. Frank T. Rawlings, 1505 Penna. Ave.

Hot Tamales and Chili Con Carne At the Ranch, 307 F st. nw. Phone E. 816-M.

ALEXANDRIA ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Hearing in Case of Crupper
vs. Southern Railway.

ALEXANDRIA, Va., Dec. 4.—The second day's hearing in the case of William E. Crupper vs. the Southern Railway Company, occupied the attention of the circuit court today, with Judge C. E. Nicoll presiding. The case commenced yesterday morning. This is a suit in which Mr. Crupper seeks to recover the sum of \$7,500 for the loss of an eye.

Mr. Crupper charges that while employed in the machine shops of the Southern Railway Company he received injuries which resulted in the loss of that organ, and further states that it was due to improper tools which were given him to work with. The case will probably be concluded this evening.

James Banks, colored, was arraigned before Mayor Simpson in the police court this morning on the charge of promoting policy. He was arrested last night by Policemen Smith, Nicholson and Lyles. Incriminating evidence was obtained by the officers, and when Banks was ushered into the court this morning he pleaded guilty. The fine imposed was \$50. William Rich, William H. Thompson, James Scott, Henry Brown, Washington Rich, and Moses Lidian, all colored, were charged with policy playing in connection with the game which Banks was convicted of promoting, and a fine of \$5 was imposed in each case.

The members of the Hydraulic Fire Engine Company are making arrangements for giving their annual banquet on New Year's night. A committee has been appointed with Mr. Bontz as chairman. The banquet will be spread in the company's house.

Patrick H. Lumpkins, one of the best-known colored public school teachers in the city, and Lucy Anna Webb, the adopted daughter of Lucy Cooper, were married at 7:30 o'clock last night at St. Robert's Chapel, M. E. Church, colored. A large crowd, including many white people, was present.

Among the invited guests who attended the reception given at the New Willard Hotel, Washington, last night by the international sanitary conference of the American Republics, was Dr. M. W. O'Brien, of this city.

KIDS AND KIDS.

Slight Mistake Which Stirred Up New York Police Officials.

New York World.
An air of deepest mystery pervaded police headquarters Saturday morning. From Staten Island had come this strange message:

"Have six button kids. What shall we do with 'em? Do you want 'em?"

The puzzled Mulberry Street sleuths studied the dispatch and tried to read between its lines to solve it. "Six-button kids," they reasoned. "The gloves of some rich society woman"—"rich society woman" is a favorite expression at headquarters. "The gloves are probably the clue to a crime. The woman has been murdered, or maybe she sought the wilds of Staten Island to take her life."

Back from headquarters flashed the questions: "Where did you find the kids? What color are they? Is there anything in them that points to their owner?"

From Staten Island came this illuminating reply:

"The six owners are in the station-house offering bonds for the kids' good behavior for a year. Two of 'em are black, two white, and two black and white—that is the kids. We run 'em in for eating food balls, rubber plants, and other favorite fowls. What shall we do with 'em?"

MONKEYS AS CATAPULTS.

London Chronicle.
An explanation of the origin or stories which attribute to monkeys the power of throwing stones may be found in the account of their habits given by trained and competent observers. Sir James Brooke says, with reference to the orangs, that he never observed the slightest attempt at defense, and that the wood which sometimes rattled above his ears was broken by their weight, "and not thrown, as some persons represent." Mr. Wallace, also talking of the orangs, declares that he has seen him throw down branches when pursued. "It is true, he does not throw them at a person, but casts them down vertically; for it is evident that a branch cannot be thrown to any distance from the top of a lofty tree. In one case a female mias, on a durian tree, kept up for at least ten minutes a continuous shower of branches and twigs, the heaviest spind fruits, as large as 32-pounders, which most effectively kept us clear of the tree she was on. She could be seen breaking them off and throwing them down with every appearance of rage, uttering at intervals a loud purring grunt, and evidently meaning mischief."

U Warm Winter UNDERWEAR

50c and 75c Garment.

WINTER BREEZES suggest heavy underwear, and here's where to get it. The BEST names in the world. EST prices. Natural wool underwear, 75c garment. Pile-lined underwear, 50c garment. No better values were ever offered. All sizes. Warm Gloves, 50c pair.

Moore & Cullinan.

435 7th St. UNION HATTERS AND HATTERMAKERS

THE NEWS OF GEORGETOWN.

Marriage of Bethesda Couple a Surprise to Their Friends.

(Special to The Washington Times.)
ROCKVILLE, Md., Dec. 4.—John P. Keiser, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Keiser, and Ida May Bean, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Bean, both of Bethesda, this county, were married at this place last night at 7 o'clock by the Rev. Thomas Campbell, pastor of the Baptist Church.

The marriage of Mr. Keiser and Miss Bean is a surprise to their friends and relatives at Bethesda and in Washington. The couple were accompanied by Lillian May Keiser, sister of the groom, and Clifford H. Robertson, of this place.

Yesterday afternoon about 3 o'clock, Mr. Robertson, after procuring the marriage license for the couple and making the arrangements with the Rev. Mr. Campbell, left here in a closed carriage for the groom's home, where he was joined by Mr. Keiser and his sister. The party then drove to the home of the bride, whence they came to this place.

HE LEARNED SPANISH IN CUBA.

Philadelphia Public Ledger.

Like all wars, the difficulty with Spain developed a crop of warriors like Bret Harte's man who was with Grant. They are yet returning from Cuba. Porto Rico, and the Philippines.

CARRIAGES IN COLLISION.

In a collision between two carriages at the corner of M and Eighteenth Streets northwest last night, Joseph Richardson's vehicle was demolished. Mr. Richardson claims that the accident was the result of carelessness on the part of the driver of the other vehicle. The Third precinct police are investigating the affair.

Saks and Company.

Leaders Since 1867.

Friday Specials.

Tomorrow will be the last Friday of Specials until after the holiday rush is over. But they are so important that they clamor for immediate consideration—and they'll get it—with prices that will make short work of them.

Men's Suits and Overcoats.

A pattern of this lot; a size or two of that lot—in fact, the ones, twos, and threes of the fastest selling lines of Suits and Overcoats—in all about 100 garments—divided up into two assortments—

In Lot 1—Suits and Overcoats at \$9.75
In Lot 2—Suits and Overcoats at \$14.50

The tickets are off—but the guarantee is on—and they are actually worth from a third to a half more than the Friday prices. Not all sizes of any of them—please bear that in mind.

150 pairs of Men's Separate Striped Worsted Trousers; cut in the latest style; perfect fitting; about 35 pairs, worth up to \$5 a pair, for..... \$3.95

Boys' Clothing Specials.

Just 25 Boys' Double Breasted and Norfolk Short Pant Suits, in Plain Blue and Black and Fancy Mixtures; cannot be all sizes, you know, where there are but 25 of them. Reduced from \$2.50, \$3, and \$3.50, to..... \$1.75

Boys' Plain Blue and Oxford Gray Reefers; Double Breasted, with velvet collar; scattering sizes from 3 to 8 years. Regular \$2.50 grade..... \$1.45

Broken lot of Boys' Overcoats, sizes running from 4 to 15 years. Oxford Gray, cut long and full; lined with Italian cloth; velvet collars. Worth \$3..... \$2.25

Young Men's Black Thibet and Blue Cheviot Single Breasted Sack Suits, military cut, and Oxford Gray Overcoats; broken sizes; \$9 grade..... \$6.95

Boys' regular 50c Large Windsor Ties; Plain and Fancy; odds and ends of popular lots..... 19c

Broken lot of Boys' Fleece-lined Undershirts; there are no Drawers to match; regular 50c grade..... 25c

Broken Lots of Smoking Jackets.

Twelve Tricot Jackets, Blue, Tan, Carmel, Brown, and Green; silk bound and faced; sizes 32, 34, and 35 only; worth \$5..... \$3.25

Nine Jackets, Tricot, Velvet, and Bedford Cord; the Tricot and Velvet are satin-lined, bound and trimmed. Worth from \$7.50 to \$10..... \$5.75

Men's Furnishing Specials.

Broken lot of Heavy-weight Balbriggan Shirts; all size 44, and there are no Drawers to match them. Regular 80c grade. Special..... 25c

Broken lot of the 75c Wool Fleece-lined Underwear; both Shirts and Drawers of this lot in odd and ends sizes. Special..... 39c

Men's Fancy Pique Shirts, with plaited bosoms; broken sizes of regular \$1 value; good patterns. Special..... 48c

Fancy Merino and Wool Half Hose; regular 25c and 35c grades explain what they are; broken sizes explain the broken price. Special..... 15c

Last few pairs of lot of Fancy Web Suspenders; with patent cast-off and strong ends, worth 10c a pair. Special..... 10c